

**Mission Royale Pickleball Club Executive Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024**

Ron Olson read a read a statement regarding the Mission Royale Adult Village code of conduct and the MRCP bylaws. These documents will be emailed to all members and posted and the Mission Royale pickleball courts.

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm at Court 5 of the Mission Royale pickleball courts.

**Board Members Present:** Ron Olson, Rick Bird, Laurie Gigstead, Alice Scroggins and Jan Santarius.

**Others present:** John Koscielski, Loren George, Carrie George, Yvonne Stelzer, Dan Reiman, Carmen Piquette, Kristy Carra, Harlan Lundstrom, Jim Hamann, Dan Temple, Gord Glass, Gary Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Shelley Glass, Glenn Berger, Walt Boyd, Celia Prieto, Harry Lucas, Tom Shufflebarger, Sharyn Fincher, Fran Bertrand, Barb Dooley, Carlos Vega, Scott Meakins, Monica Weeks, Beth Schneider, Jim Ertz, Julie Ertz Randy Schmidt, Judy Schmidt, Donna Chimino, Pamela Dornsife, Roy Dornsife, Jack Feingold, Bill Fleming, Mike Dooley, James Sadler, Kathy Ertz, Gail Sander, Sel Sanchez, Virginia Sanchez, JaNeen Bird, and Franz Granacher.

**2. Approval of Agenda.** Motion to amend the agenda and add “4.5 Rating” under 6a. Rick/Alice Approved.

**Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jan/Alice Approved.**

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

- a) October 9, 2024 Meeting of Executive Board.
- b) October 24, 2024 Special Meeting of the Executive Board.

**Motion to approve the October 9, 2024 and October 24, 2024 minutes as presented. Alice/Rick Approved.**

#### 4. Old Business.

- a) **Review Results of Rating Procedures Survey.** Ron stated the survey results ended virtually in a tie and that we will continue with our current process. He stated he was working a rating sheet to be incorporated in our process. Laurie stated that we currently have four rating procedure items on today's agenda so forming a committee to review our procedures would be appropriate. She stated each level should be represented on the committee. Alice stated she feels we should just change our round robin to a point-based system. Robson uses a point-based system and candidates need to score 96 points in the two round robins which is 8 points per game but she feels we should lower that to 90 points in the twelve games or an average of 7.5 points per game. Jan felt that a committee would be best. Rick stated he was fine with a committee and every level needs to be represented.

**Motion to appoint a committee consisting of a minimum of two members from each level to review the current rating procedures and make recommendations to the board. Laurie/Jan Approved.**

Laurie stated she thought each level should meet and suggest their representatives. Ron stated he would chair the committee and that anyone interested should give their names to Laurie.

- b) **Proposed Bylaw Amendment.** Ron read the proposed bylaw amendment that was included in the agenda packet. He explained that the HOA had reviewed our proposal and provided the suggested language. He said it would be sent to the members to decide. Shelley asked if the length of time the vote would be open would be defined. Laurie stated that our bylaws require a seven-day voting period and she would be sure to include that information in the email when the ballot goes out. Carmen asked if this amendment meant someone could lodge a complaint and then the board could meet and decide action without a person even knowing they had committed a violation. Ron stated the board would decide who would be invited to participate in the executive sessions. Gord asked if members would be able to comment on the

amendment. Laurie stated it would be a Yes or No vote on the proposed amendment language. Ron continued that the board wasn't pursuing the second amendment regarding giving the board the authority to change a player's rating. Carmen asked isn't that what happened to Harlan? Ron tried to clarify the prior situation. Fran stated that the details of that process shouldn't be discussed with Gerry not being able to attend this meeting. Laurie stated the rating chair moved Harlan up after receiving unilateral direction from the president and the board did not have authority to move him back down. Alice stated the rating chair had no authority. The discussion was ended because the amendment regarding authority to change a member's rating was not being pursued.

**Motion to send the proposed executive session bylaw amendment to the membership for a vote. Jan/Alice Approved.**

#### **5. Board Member and Chair Reports.**

- a) Treasurer's Report. Jan reported the ending MRPC balance is \$36,966.46 and the only expenditure this month was a reimbursement to Laurie for a print cartridge. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Alice/Rick Approved.**

Jim commented that there haven't been many expenditures over the last three years and suggested a committee be formed to look into opportunities to reach out to the community with potential service projects. Jan stated she felt the club was waiting to see if funds would be needed on a potential court expansion. Gord suggested upgrading equipment, such as a better ball machine. Others agreed with idea of upgrading equipment.

- b) Vice President's Report. Rick stated that he didn't anticipate a schedule at this time. The soonest would be January if at all. He said the 3.5 group has been trying different options to manage play on the busy days such as using rally scoring along with paddles up. Kathy stated James was being very helpful in assisting with court duties.
- c) At Large Member Report. Alice reported that the first lessons of the season were held and had 29 participants. She noted lessons are scheduled for the

second and fourth Saturday of each month. She is working on planning a club event for early December and plans to hold the in-house tournament in February. She will present more details at the next MRPC meeting. She and Jan plan to attend the HOA club event on Saturday.

d) Ratings Chair Report. Virginia reported that seven people tested and six people had passed and the round robins were complete. The next testing date will be held on December 7, 2024 and the request period begins on November 27. There will be a practice session held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The testing information will be posted on the bulletin board at the courts. She reminded members that when you are voting in the round robins to provide constructive comments so she can give candidates feedback on how to improve for future attempts.

e) Training Chair Report. See At Large Member report.

## 6. New Business.

### a. Rating Procedures.

a.1) **4.5 Rating.** Alice reported that Donna and Juli were stepping down from assisting with the 4.5 rating process. She felt the process took too much effort, costs the club money and doesn't benefit the club. She is suggesting terminating the 4.5 process. Carmen said she believes Palm Creek charges \$60 to be rated at 4.5 or 5 level and at the lower levels it costs \$25 to be rated. The fees seemed to help limit the times people request rating and people are not rating until they are truly prepared for the process. Dan stated he felt the 4.5 rating process should continue. Sel said the point is we don't have willing volunteers. Alice stated it costs the club money. Laurie questioned what the costs were. Alice stated it was for refreshments. Laurie suggested that this since this is part of our ratings procedures the process could be reviewed by the review committee. The board agreed.

a.2) **Discuss changing of USAPA rating system to the UTR-P system.** Alice advised that the USAPA has moved to a new rating system – the UTR-P system. The old system was based on a scale

of 1-5.5 and results of sanctioned tournaments. The new UTR-P system is based on a scale of 1-10 and on results of verified events. She contacted Robson Ranch and Palm Creek and neither club is accepting the UTR-P rating. She said the new system typically raises the person's rating by 1 full point. Alice is recommending that our club not accept the UTR-P rating that is replacing the USAPA system. Jan asked if this issue could wait also. Rick stated he felt it needed to be determined now. Ron stated ratings are just to help get members to comparable levels. Monica disagreed and feels that in the two systems the levels are consistent with the identified skills in the levels up to 4.5. Donna stated there is a 1 to 1.5-point difference in the new system. Harlan suggested a ladder system and says it is the best way to level play. At the end of the ladder period the top 10% move up and the bottom 10% move down. Yvonne agreed it levels out over time. Jim stated that the tracking is an administrative nightmare. Pam stated that our club use to do the shoot outs but there were complaints that you ended up playing with the same people.

**Motion to table the discussion to allow for more research.  
Jan/Alice. Approved.**

- a.3) **Ballot Counting.** Alice stated that recently a concern was raised regarding ballot counting by a spouse of a candidate. She is recommending that in the future if the rating chair or their spouse is testing, a board member will count the ballots.

**Motion to direct a board member to count ballots if the rating chair or their spouse is participating in the rating process.  
Alice/Rick Approved.**

- a.4) **Participating in peer evaluation - eliminate potential conflict of interest.** Laurie stated she added this item to the agenda based on an email the MRPC received last April. She felt this issue could be tabled and addressed by the review committee.

b. **Set Annual Meeting of the Members.** It was determined that the annual meeting of the members will be held in February on a date to be determined as part of the February potluck.

**7. Motion to Adjourn Meeting.** Jan/Rick Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

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